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**Top China bank official's defection rumors quashed**

(Washington Post) U.S. government officials are throwing cold water on super-heated internal Chinese reports that the head of China's top bank has defected.

Stratfor, the global intelligence analysis group, reported Monday that Chinese-language blogs were reporting that Zhou Xiaochuan, governor of the People's Bank of China, "may have left the country."

But George Friedman, chief executive officer of Stratfor, said that the swirling rumors, which also accuse Zhou of overseeing a \$430 billion loss on U.S. Treasury bonds, have little basis in fact and may instead signify a power struggle in advance of a leadership change in 2012.

"We don't believe it either," Friedman told SpyTalk, referring to the alleged \$430 billion investment loss. But he added, "I'm less concerned about the number and the specific charges than the politics of a senior banker clearly under attack without the government stepping in and backing him. We really don't know what it all means, if anything, but the numbers aren't important." According to Stratfor, the rumours were built on a foundation of intrigue.

"The rumours appear to have started following reports on Aug. 28 which cited Ming Pao, a Hong Kong-based news agency, saying that because of an approximately \$430 billion loss on U.S. Treasury bonds, the Chinese government may punish some individuals within the PBC, including Zhou," Stratfor reported.

- (a) [http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/zhou\\_xiaochuan\\_defection\\_rumor.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/zhou_xiaochuan_defection_rumor.html)
- (b) Stratfor:  
<http://app.response.stratfor.com/e/es.aspx?s=1483&e=97254&elq=77b661ab3c2848529536d5b6dcd03342>

2598/2010 -----

**Carter mit US-Bürger aus Nordkorea zurück**

(ORF) Der ehemalige US-Präsident Jimmy Carter hat die Freilassung eines in Nordkorea inhaftierten US-Bürgers erreicht. Der Mann war aus unbekanntem Gründen illegal von China aus nach Nordkorea gereist und dort zu acht Jahren Zwangsarbeit verurteilt worden. Gleichzeitig signalisiert die kommunistische Führung Bereitschaft, über ihr umstrittenes Atomprogramm verhandeln zu wollen.

- (a) <http://oe1.orf.at/artikel/257078>
- (b) Pjöngjang zu Verhandlungen über Atomprogramm bereit:  
<http://derstandard.at/1282273707469/Pjoengjang-zu-Verhandlungen-ueber-Atomprogramm-bereit>

2599/2010 -----

**WikiLeaks sex scandal deepens as estranged son enters the fray**

(Sydney Morning Herald) Police statements made by the women involved in the sex scandal engulfing WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange raise questions over Assange's claims that the charges against him were a Pentagon-initiated smear campaign.

Assange's statements that he was warned to expect the smears by "Australian intelligence" have also been called into question by Australian intelligence agencies.

Meanwhile, Assange's 20-year-old estranged son, Daniel, appears to have queried his dad's claims about the alleged "dirty tricks" campaign, and wrote in a Facebook posting that he "does have a way of making a lot of female enemies", the New York Post reported. Earlier this month, Assange, from Melbourne, was facing charges of rape and molestation over a recent trip to Stockholm, Sweden. The rape charges have since been dropped by Swedish prosecutors but the molestation accusation is still outstanding. (a)

British newspaper the Daily Mail has obtained a copy of the police statements made by the two women at the centre of the claims. These indicate that Assange had consensual sex with the women but was reported to police after he refused to use a condom or, later, take an STD test. (b)

- (a) <http://www.smh.com.au/technology/technology-news/wikileaks-sex-scandal-deepens-as-estranged-son-enters-the-fray-20100830-143ao.html>
- (b) <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1307137/Supporters-dismissed-rape-accusations-WikiLeaks-founder-Julian-Assange--women-involved-tell-different-story.html>
- (c) Assange erneut der Vergewaltigung verdächtigt:  
<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1659538/>

2600/2010 -----

#### **Shock and Horror: Spies Engage in Bribery**

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(Newsweek) Some U.S. national-security and intelligence officials are expressing exasperation at revelations—including front-page stories two days' running in the nation's most important newspapers—alleging that the CIA has been secretly bribing numerous aides to Hamid Karzai, the embattled Afghan president.

The officials don't even try to deny such shenanigans are occurring: they believe such practices are essential to American intelligence and defense operations in the region. What they fear is that any move toward curbing the authority of the CIA and other U.S. agencies to approach, and by means fair or foul, co-opt sources of information, however dubious their character, might significantly hamper American efforts to collect strategic and tactical information essential to American military and political operations in the region.

"You've got to pay people," says former CIA operations officer Bob Baer, whose books *Sleeping With the Devil* and *See No Evil* made him a celebrity and formed the basis of the George Clooney film *Syriana*. "That's what the CIA does. It bribes people." In order to monitor the level of corruption in a place like Afghanistan, Baer says, it only makes sense that U.S. operatives would have to talk to, and if necessary, bribe those involved in the corruption to find out what is going on. "How hard is that to understand?" Baer asks rhetorically.

- (a) <http://www.newsweek.com/blogs/declassified/2010/08/27/shock-and-horror-spies-engage-in-bribery.html>
- (b) <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2014252,00.html>
- (c) <http://www.fr-online.de/politik/schmiergeld-von-der-cia/-/1472596/4595122/-/index.html>



## MYSTERIOUS DEATHS

2601/2010 -----

### Police see 'professional job' in British spy's death

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(Channel 4) Channel 4 News learns the police who found the body of MI6 codebreaker Gareth Williams described his death as a "neat job" - understood to be code for a professional killing.

The evidence obtained by Channel 4 News from the day the MI6 employee was found dead in his central London flat suggests that reports that he was secretly gay or owed bondage equipment are untrue.

The evidence also suggests his mobile phone sim cards were not arranged in a "ritualistic" way and there were no numbers for male escort agencies on them. This, Channel 4 News understands, is what the police know about the death of the MI6 code breaker, contrary to the speculation which has been in other reports which is apparently based on MI6 briefings.

Channel 4 News reporter James Blake said none of the sexual links or mobile phone details were mentioned in the official police despatch for that day, the CAD. He also said: "Officers did not touch the body so they were not sure, but one said the apparent murder was a 'neat job', a phrase used by police for a professional killing."

Some investigators now believe that Williams was killed by a foreign agent, who then deliberately "planted a trail of clues" pointing to a homosexual link to the death. Pending the results of toxicological analysis, there is even suspicion that Williams, who was most recently working for British external intelligence agency MI6, may have been poisoned or drugged.

- (a) [http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/politics/domestic\\_politics/family+aposdistressapos+as+mi6+probes+dead+spy+vetting/3755877](http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/politics/domestic_politics/family+aposdistressapos+as+mi6+probes+dead+spy+vetting/3755877)
- (b) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/30/01-551/>
- (c) CIA joins probe of British spy slaying:  
[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2010/08/26/CIA-joins-probe-of-British-spy-slaying/UPI-60261282874969/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/08/26/CIA-joins-probe-of-British-spy-slaying/UPI-60261282874969/)
- (d) U.K. Spy's Death Remains Cloaked in Mystery:  
[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703418004575455642107022632.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703418004575455642107022632.html?mod=googlenews_wsj)
- (e) His death would seem to have serious security implications:  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-1307281/MI6-spy-Gareth-Williams-unsung-hero-shadowy-spoops-trying-blacken-name.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

2602/2010 -----

### Self-described CIA assassin dies in gun accident

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(Washington Post) Roland W. Haas, a senior intelligence officer in the U.S. Army Reserve who claimed in a 2007 memoir that he was a CIA assassin, died over the weekend when he accidentally shot himself, police in Georgia said.

According to an account in the Newnan, Ga., Times-Herald, "Passing motorists saw Haas on the side of the road" on Saturday night "and heard the pop of a gunshot." A police patrolman soon discovered Haas, 58, lying face down behind his car and pronounced him dead, the paper said.

Haas had shot himself in the femoral artery in his right leg, the Coweta County police told the paper. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation ruled his death accidental.

- (a) [http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/self-described\\_cia\\_assassin\\_di.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/self-described_cia_assassin_di.html)
- (b) see also last weeks ACIPSS newsletter, report 2527/2010

2603/2010 -----

**Russian Intelligence Chief Dies While Swimming**

(Fox Detroit) The deputy head of Russia's powerful military intelligence agency died mysteriously in a swimming accident, Russian media reported Saturday.

"Several days ago, General Yuri Ivanov died while swimming," official news agency RIA Novosti quoted a military source as saying. The report did not give any further details on the circumstances of the death, or the location. Ivanov was deputy head of the GRU, the overseas intelligence gathering arm of the Russian military.

Daily Kommersant reported that the 52-year-old had died "tragically," wording that was repeated in an obituary in defense ministry newspaper Red Star, which also failed to provide any details. During the Soviet era the GRU was considered a rival to the KGB, the secret service, now known as the Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR).

- (a) [http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpps/news/russian-intelligence-chief-dies-while-swimming-dpgonc-km-20100828\\_9383926](http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpps/news/russian-intelligence-chief-dies-while-swimming-dpgonc-km-20100828_9383926)
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/russia/7973346/Top-Russian-spys-body-washes-up-after-swimming-accident.html>

2604/2010 -----

**David Kelly inquest calls 'outrageous'**

(Telegraph) Professor Christian Seelos, who worked alongside the British scientist as a United Nations weapons inspector in Iraq, said calls for a fresh examination of the case appeared to be "totally politically motivated".

Dr Kelly's body was found in woods near his Oxfordshire home in July 2003, shortly after it was revealed he was the source of a BBC report casting doubt on a Government dossier claiming Saddam Hussein had WMD that could be launched within 45 minutes. Some medical experts questioned the official account that the 59-year-old scientist killed himself, and coalition ministers are currently considering how to allay these concerns.

Prof Seelos admitted that he initially thought it was "impossible" for his friend to have committed suicide because it was completely out of character. But after talking to the scientist's widow, Janice, and other family members, he concluded that he did indeed take his own life after finding himself "in a difficult situation" with his integrity under attack.

Austrian-born Prof Seelos, who led UN biological weapons inspections in Iraq in the 1990s, rejected demands for a full inquest to look again at Dr Kelly's death.

'I think this is outrageous. I have not seen in the media any piece of evidence that would support re-opening the case,' he said.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/politics/defence/7970207/David-Kelly-inquest-calls-outrageous-says-friend.html>
- (b) <http://news.scotsman.com/uk/Kelly-inquest-calls-39outrageous39.6501304.jp>
- (c) Related: Ken Clarke under pressure to release Kelly papers: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/politics/7954499/Ken-Clarke-under-pressure-to-release-Kelly-papers-as-Dominic-Grieve-waits-for-evidence.html>
- (d) Related (2009): Doctors demand inquest into death of Dr David Kelly: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/5811102/Doctors-demand-inquest-into-death-of-Dr-David-Kelly.html>



## HOT SPOTS / WARS

2605/2010 -----

### **Iraq's Failure to Form a Government Concerns U.S. Spy Officials**

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(Wallstreet Journal) With the U.S. officially having ended combat operations in Iraq Tuesday, U.S. spy officials see the country's inability to form a government as the greatest security threat it faces.

Other major security concerns include continued Iranian efforts to stoke militant attacks in Iraq and al Qaeda's severely degraded, but not extinguished, affiliate in Iraq, according to a senior intelligence official.

"It's important that they get their act together," the official said of Iraqi leaders. Unresolved, the political vacuum could lead to an unraveling of stability and security, he said, though adding that it's unknown when that tipping point might come.

Meanwhile, the Iranians continue to provide militants in Iraq with equipment, training, and refuge and are expected to do so "for some time to come," the official said. They are also providing anti-Western militant and criminal groups with components of roadside bombs, the official added.^

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704421104575463792547119632.html>

2606/2010 -----

### **A Complex War in the Shadows**

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(Oxford Research Group) This month's briefing looks at recent developments in Afghanistan and the United States' increasingly shadowy war against al-Qaida. It also examines the planned withdrawal of US combat forces from

Iraq and the debate about the US withdrawal from Afghanistan due to start in July 2011.

- (a) txt:  
[http://www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk/publications/monthly\\_briefings/a\\_complex\\_war\\_shadows](http://www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk/publications/monthly_briefings/a_complex_war_shadows)
- (b) pdf:  
<http://www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk/sites/default/files/Aug10En.pdf>

2607/2010 -----

**Afghanistan intelligence flawed, says ex-CIA man**

(Sydney Morning Herald) THE Australian government should use the intelligence exposed on the whistle-blowing website WikiLeaks to confront the US over its war plans in Afghanistan, before even more Australians soldiers are killed, a visiting former CIA officer has warned.

Robert Baer, a former CIA field officer in the Middle East turned author and intelligence commentator, said Australia needs to question the US about the poor intelligence it appears to be relying on to run its military campaign in Afghanistan.

"The Australians should take the WikiLeaks information to the US [administration] and say: please tell us you have better information than this," Mr Baer said. Speaking in Sydney yesterday, he said WikiLeaks was playing a crucial role in the world because it was laying out for everyone to see "the pretensions and the lies" that are being told about the war in Afghanistan.

"There is nothing like seeing the documents to see how much trouble we are in in Afghanistan," he said.

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/afghanistan-intelligence-flawed-says-excia-man-20100830-147ct.html>

2608/2010 -----

**As troops withdraw, US spying scaled back in Iraq**

(AFP) The scaling back of the US military mission in Iraq means Washington's spies will have fewer "eyes and ears on the ground" in the country, a senior intelligence official said Tuesday.

US military units operate with their own intelligence resources, including translators and officers assigned from spy agencies such as the National Security Agency and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. But the drawdown of US forces to less than 50,000 troops will curtail the reach of US intelligence services, the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told reporters.

"We're going to have fewer eyes and ears on the ground as our forces draw down," he said. The reduction will mean "a lessening of our ability to observe" and will present a serious challenge for spy agencies, he said.

US spy officials planned to address the issue with commanders in Iraq, he added.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jU0xRE56EwJ-dXj0eonyXMz1\\_5jA](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jU0xRE56EwJ-dXj0eonyXMz1_5jA)

2609/2010 -----

**Irak: „Unsere Kampfphase ist zu Ende“**

(Focus) Laut US-Präsident Barack Obama ist das Ende des Kampfeinsatzes der US-Truppen im Irak kein Grund zum Feiern. In einer Rede betonte Obama, dass es noch viel zu tun gebe, bevor „der Irak ein richtiger Partner wird“. Das Ende des Kampfeinsatzes im Irak ist nach den Worten von US-Präsident Barack Obama kein Grund zum Feiern. „Unsere Kampfphase ist zu Ende“, sagte Obama am Dienstag vor US-Soldaten am Stützpunkt Fort Bliss in Texas. Aber „es gibt noch viel zu tun, bis der Irak ein echter Partner wird“, fügte er hinzu. Seine Rede am Dienstagabend, in der er das offizielle Ende des US-Kampfeinsatzes im Irak verkünden werde, sei daher „keine Siegesparade und keine Glückwunschsprache“, sagte Obama vor 170 Soldaten.

Ähnlich wie Obama hatte sich am Dienstag auch US-Verteidigungsminister Robert Gates geäußert, der ebenfalls von „Siegesparaden oder Selbstgratulationen“ abriet. Obama wollte am Dienstagabend um 20.00 Uhr Ortszeit (Mittwoch, 02.00 Uhr MESZ) in einer Rede an die Nation aus dem Oval Office das Ende des Kampfeinsatzes der US-Armee verkünden. Die knapp 50.000 im Irak verbleibenden US-Soldaten sollen sich auf die Ausbildung und Beratung der einheimischen Truppen beschränken. Sie sollen das Land bis Ende 2011 verlassen.

[http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/irak-unsere-kampfphase-ist-zu-ende\\_aid\\_547476.html](http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/irak-unsere-kampfphase-ist-zu-ende_aid_547476.html)

2610/2010 -----

**Rare Earth Elements: The Global Supply Chain**

(CRS via FAS) Rare earth elements – of which there are 17, including the 15 lanthanides plus yttrium and scandium – are needed in many industrial and national security applications, from flat panel displays to jet fighter engines. Yet there are foreseeable stresses on the national and global supply of these materials.

“The United States was once self-reliant in domestically produced [rare earth elements], but over the past 15 years has become 100% reliant on imports, primarily from China,” a new report from the Congressional Research Service observes. “The dominance of China as a single or dominant supplier [...] is a cause for concern because of China’s growing internal demand for its [own rare earth elements],” the report said.

The CRS report provides background and analysis on the uses of rare earth elements, existing reserves, national security applications, the global supply chain and relevant legislation.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R41347.pdf>



## UNITED STATES

2611/2010 -----

### **Another Leak Prosecution**

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(FAS) The Obama Administration continued its pursuit of individuals who leak classified information to the press with another indictment of a suspected leaker. The Department of Justice announced last week that Stephen Jin-Woo Kim, a State Department contractor, had been indicted (pdf) under the Espionage Act for the unauthorized disclosure of national defense information and for lying to the FBI. Mr. Kim pleaded not guilty to both charges.

The classified information, which was not specified in the indictment, reportedly consisted of a 2009 intelligence assessment conveyed to Fox News stating that North Korea was likely to respond to United Nations sanctions by conducting another nuclear explosive test.

"The willful disclosure of classified information to those not entitled to it is a serious crime," said Assistant Attorney General David S. Kris in an August 27 news release. "Today's indictment should serve as a warning to anyone who is entrusted with sensitive national security information and would consider compromising it."

Mr. Kim's attorneys blasted the decision to indict him.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/08/another\\_leak.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/08/another_leak.html)

2612/2010 -----

### **CIA training Sudan's spies as Obama officials fight over policy**

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(Washington Post) American officials may be at odds over U.S. policy toward Sudan, but the CIA is soldiering on there.

The East African regime is not just an international pariah for its genocidal track record in the western region of Darfur, it's officially been branded by Washington as a terrorist state, in part for its past harbouring of Islamist radicals, including Osama bin Laden in the 1990s. Despite that, the CIA is continuing to train and equip Sudan's intelligence service in the name of fighting terrorism.

The irony is not lost on critics of the arrangement.

"The U.S. government is training the Sudanese intelligence services and conducting bilateral operations with them -- all in the name of the long war," said a former intelligence officer who served in Sudan.

[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/cia\\_training\\_sudans\\_spies\\_as\\_o.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/cia_training_sudans_spies_as_o.html)

2613/2010 -----

**US spy chief: no more 'blabbing secrets' to the media**

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(AFP) The chief of US intelligence has warned spy agencies against "blabbing secrets" to the media, saying employees should be "seen not heard."

In a blunt memo, James Clapper, the new director of national intelligence, scolded staff members about leaks that appeared in recent news reports, saying it was a "serious matter." "I am concerned that recent leaks regarding our work have received prominent attention in the media," he said in the memo obtained by AFP. He did not say to which reports he was referring, but US newspapers have recently quoted unnamed officials about proposed drone CIA operations in Yemen and Afghan officials allegedly on the spy agency's payroll.

Top US officials were also stunned earlier in July by the release of tens of thousands of secret files on the war in Afghanistan, posted on the WikiLeaks website. There are "established procedures for authorized officers to interact with the media," Clapper wrote. But for other personnel, passing on classified information without approval "is both a serious matter and a diversion from the critical tasks we face."

"In other words, blabbing secrets to the media is not 'in' as far as I'm concerned." Clapper recalled that when President Barack Obama nominated him to the intelligence director's position, "I said that people in the intelligence business should be like my grandchildren -- seen but not heard."

The Obama administration has adopted a tough line against leaks, filing charges against those suspected of disclosing classified information. But news reporting suggests government officials continue to reveal secret details to journalists in an attempt to shape policy and undermine rival agencies.

- (a) [http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ijBVAVjrsMYVTEfR\\_8HJvw52nwag](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ijBVAVjrsMYVTEfR_8HJvw52nwag)
- (b) [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iSdpKpSUnaICoCvKsqlHokBa\\_tLwD9HS3VLG0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iSdpKpSUnaICoCvKsqlHokBa_tLwD9HS3VLG0)

2614/2010 -----

**CIA Red Cells and common sense**

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(Washington Post) It's been called "boring ... a snoozer," a paper that "pales in comparison" with previous WikiLeaks disclosures. And for sure, last week's exposure of a classified CIA study on foreign reaction to U.S. terrorism "exports" was a dud compared with the 72,000 U.S. intelligence reports WikiLeaks surfaced in July.

But scant attention has been devoted to the actual substance of the CIA Red Cell paper WikiLeaks released: "What If Foreigners See the United States as an 'Exporter of Terrorism'?" The Red Cell was set up by the CIA in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to "think unconventionally about the full range of relevant analytic issues," the agency's Web site says. It "takes a pronounced 'out-of-the-box' approach and produces memos intended to provoke thought rather than to provide authoritative assessment."

If that's its goal, it only partially succeeded. (a)

One of the few who drilled down into the paper was Paul R. Pillar, a former deputy director of the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, who answered the Red Cell's question in a piece for Foreign Policy magazine online: "Yes, America Is Exporting Terrorism." (b)

- (a) [http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/cia\\_red\\_cells\\_and\\_common\\_sense.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/cia_red_cells_and_common_sense.html)
- (b) [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/08/26/yes\\_america\\_is\\_exporting\\_terrorism?page=0,0](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/08/26/yes_america_is_exporting_terrorism?page=0,0)

2615/2010 -----

**State Department intel adviser accused of N. Korea leak to Fox News**

(Washington Post) A State Department contractor was indicted Friday by a federal grand jury in the District, becoming the latest target of a series of investigations into unauthorized government leaks to news organizations under the Obama administration.

Stephen Jin-Woo Kim, 43, then a senior adviser for intelligence on detail to the State Department's arms control compliance bureau, was charged with disclosing national defense information in June 2009 to a national news organization, believed to be Fox News, and lying to the FBI. Kim pleaded not guilty before U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly.

Although unnamed by the government, Fox News reporter James Rosen wrote a report posted June 11, 2009, saying that U.S. intelligence officials had warned that North Korea planned to respond to a new round of U.N. sanctions with another nuclear test. Rosen reported that the CIA warning was developed through sources inside North Korea.

According to the indictment, Kim disclosed "Top Secret-Sensitive Compartmented Information" that concerned the military capabilities of a foreign nation and intelligence "sources and/or methods," which "could be used to the injury of the United States."

"Today's indictment should serve as a warning to anyone who is entrusted with sensitive national security information," U.S. Assistant Attorney General David S. Kris said.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/08/27/AR2010082706048.html>

2616/2010 -----

**US-Gericht soll gezielte Tötung von Qaida-Kader verhindern**

(Spiegel) Anwar al-Awlaki steht auf der Todesliste der US-Spezialkräfte - und besitzt einen US-Pass. Jetzt will sein Vater ein Bundesgericht anrufen. Es soll der amerikanischen Regierung die Tötung des Qaida-Kaders im Jemen verbieten.

Berlin - Am 24. Dezember 2009 schlugen mehrere Raketen in der ost-jemenitischen Provinz Shabwa ein. Offiziell waren es jemenitische Flugkörper, tatsächlich aber US-amerikanische. Das Ziel des Luftschlags, dem insgesamt rund 30 Personen zum Opfer fielen, war eine mutmaßliche Versammlung von Qaida-Kämpfern. Auch Anwar al-Awlaki soll bei der Zusammenkunft anwesend gewesen sein, dschihadistischer Hassprediger, Qaida-Mann - und US-Bürger mit jemenitischen Wurzeln. Zwar galt der Luftangriff

nicht primär ihm. Aber die Männer am Feuerknopf gingen davon aus, dass er dabei war und hätte getötet werden können.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,714124,00.html>

2617/2010 -----

**Obama Attacks North Korea with Money Weapons**

(TREAS) President Obama issued an Executive Order freezing the assets of certain persons with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). This new Order expands the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008 and takes additional steps to address that national emergency. In the new Executive Order, the President finds that certain actions and policies of the Government of North Korea constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

- (a) <http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/tg839.htm>
- (b) <http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2925427>

2618/2010 -----

**Pentagon Awards \$7.3 Billion Contracts for Outsourced Spy Imagery**

(allgov) It used to be that the production and maintenance of spy satellites was in government hands, but now this important aspect of national security is routinely outsourced. The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), the Department of Defense's operator of military spy satellites, is again relying on private companies to provide a new generation of reconnaissance imagery. NGA recently awarded \$7.3 billion in contracts for its EnhancedView commercial imagery program, which is intended to yield higher resolution photos of earth targets than what is currently available to the military.

Receiving 10-year contracts from NGIA were DigitalGlobe Inc. of Longmont, Colorado, for \$3.5 billion, and GeoEye Imagery Collection Systems Inc. of Dulles, Virginia, for \$3.8 billion.

The serious privatizing of spy satellites began when George W. Bush took over the presidency in 2001. The man in charge of the NGA (then know as the National Imagery and Mapping Agency) was retired Lieutenant General James Clapper, Jr. By the time Clapper left the NGA in June 2006, most of its imagery gathering responsibilities had been turned over to DigitalGlobe and GeoEye. Five months later, Clapper joined the board of directors of GeoEye. On June 5, 2010, President Barack Obama nominated Clapper to be Director of National Intelligence. He was confirmed by the Senate on August 5.

DigitalGlobe operates three satellites capable of collecting imagery at resolutions of better than 1 meter, and GeoEye has two satellites in orbit that can photograph objects as small as half a meter in size.

[http://www.allgov.com/Where\\_is\\_the\\_Money\\_Going/ViewNews/Pentagon\\_Awards\\_7\\_3\\_Billion\\_Dollar\\_Contracts\\_for\\_Outsourced\\_Spy\\_Imagery\\_100820](http://www.allgov.com/Where_is_the_Money_Going/ViewNews/Pentagon_Awards_7_3_Billion_Dollar_Contracts_for_Outsourced_Spy_Imagery_100820)



## FORMER SOVIET UNION

2619/2010 -----

### **Is Russian Spy Anna Chapman Cashing In Already?**

(Newsweek) As part of the spy-swap deal that let her leave the country, flame-haired Russian sleeper agent Anna Chapman agreed to what U.S. officials said was a strict condition: she could not profit from her story. A plea-bargain document signed by Chapman and her lawyer lays out the terms: Chapman signed over to the U.S. government "any profits or proceeds" she might collect from peddling information related to "her person, her activities in the United States as an unlawful agent of the Russian Federation, or the facts and circumstances leading to [her] arrest and conviction."

At the time she and nine sleeper-agent colleagues were flown back to Mother Russia, we reported that despite her signature on the plea agreement, Chapman had at least considered telling, if not selling, her story. Although she hasn't yet—evidently—sold or told an account of her truncated career as a spy, last week Chapman dipped more than her toe into the world of celebrity journalism by posing scantily clad for a photo shoot in a Russian men's magazine, Zhara (which translates as "Heat").

<http://www.newsweek.com/blogs/declassified/2010/08/27/is-russian-spy-anna-chapman-cashing-in-already.html>

2620/2010 -----

### **Russia's New Military Doctrine**

(by Marco Beljac via Cryptome) The Kremlin has released Russia's new military doctrine. The Russian President has also signed a document on nuclear deterrence policy to 2020. The latter document is not available. Nikolai Sokov has a good short analysis on the nuclear aspects of the military doctrine document. Sokov points out that, contrary to expectations, the Russian doctrine actually decreases the role of nuclear weapons in Russia's military strategy.

<http://cryptome.org/0002/ru-mil-doctrine.pdf>

2621/2010 -----

### **Spy widow joins anti-Russia protest**

(UKPA) Russian billionaire Boris Berezovsky and the widow of former spy Alexander Litvinenko have joined a protest outside the Russian embassy.

About 30 people waving placards attended the anti-Kremlin rally in central London which, unlike similar events in Moscow and St Petersburg, passed off peacefully. Opponents of prime minister Vladimir Putin and rights activists have been gathering on the 31st of each month to honour the 31st article of the Russian Constitution, which guarantees the right of assembly.

In Moscow, opposition leader Boris Nemtsov was detained and police officers hauled away protesters who were chanting "Down with the police state!" and "Russia without Putin!" Russian police told the Interfax news agency that

more than 60 people were detained while another 70 protesters were held at a rally in St Petersburg.

Mr Putin has said police will keep breaking up the protests unless the dissidents obtain official permission - which they are routinely denied.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5hbYsnmqm09qy5thK0\\_EJ\\_IykDVzNQ](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5hbYsnmqm09qy5thK0_EJ_IykDVzNQ)

2622/2010 -----

**Mehrere Oppositionspolitiker bei Protesten in Moskau festgenommen**

(stern) Bei Protesten in Moskau und St. Petersburg hat die Polizei am Dienstag dutzende Demonstranten festgenommen, darunter auch mehrere Oppositionspolitiker. In Moskau seien der ehemalige Vize-Regierungschef Boris Nemzow und der Chef der national-bolschewistischen Partei, Eduard Limonow, unter den Festgenommenen, berichteten Journalisten der Nachrichtenagentur AFP. Insgesamt wurden in der russischen Hauptstadt mindestens zehn Oppositionsführer in Gewahrsam genommen. An der Demonstration für Versammlungsfreiheit nahmen auch Europaparlamentarier teil. In St. Petersburg wurden rund sechzig Demonstranten festgenommen.

<http://www.stern.de/news2/aktuell/mehrere-oppositionspolitiker-bei-protesten-in-moskau-festgenommen-1599009.html>

2623/2010 -----

**Mysterious Russian 'Buzzer' radio broadcast changes**

(wired) The output of a mysterious radio station in Russia, which has been broadcasting the same monotonous signal almost continuously for 20 years, has suddenly changed.

Numbers stations are shortwave radio stations that broadcast computer-generated voices reading numbers, words, letters or Morse code. Their purpose has never been uncovered, but evidence from spy cases suggests that they're used to broadcast coded information to secret agents.

Over the past week or so, the output of one particular station that broadcasts from near Povarovo, Russia, increased dramatically. The station has a callsign of UVB-76, but is known as "The Buzzer" by its listeners because of the short, monotonous buzz tone that it normally plays 21 to 34 times per minute. It's only deviated from that signal three times previously -- briefly in 1997, 2002 and 2006.

In early August, a garbled recording of a voice speaking Russian was heard by listeners. A few days later, on 23 August at 13:35UTC, a clearer voice read out the following message twice: "UVB-76, UVB-76 - 93 882 naimina 74 14 35 74 - 9 3 8 8 2 nikolai, anna, ivan, michail, ivan, nikolai, anna, 7, 4, 1, 4, 3, 5, 7, 4", before returning to its normal broadcasting.

<http://www.wired.co.uk/news/archive/2010-08/25/russian-numbers-station-broadcast-changes>



2624/2010 -----

**Turkey: Politics of Identity and Power**

(CRS via FAS) Turkey has long been a valued U.S. NATO ally and strategic partner. Successive administrations have viewed it as a secular democracy that could serve as an inspiration or model for other Muslim majority countries. However, the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) has made foreign policy decisions that have led some longtime U.S. observers to question its future course. Domestic political developments may be enabling the AKP's greater assertiveness in international affairs and are, therefore, worthy of closer scrutiny. This report provides that examination via an overview of the current Turkish domestic political scene.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/R41368.pdf>

2625/2010 -----

**U.S. military involvement may worsen situation in Yemen**

(xinhuanet) The U.S. military's high-profile involvement in Sanaa's operations against al-Qaida in Yemen may further fuel anti-U.S. sentiment among local population and make things worse for the Yemeni authorities, analysts say.

The U.S. open involvement is also causing embarrassment for Yemeni authorities, who have insisted Yemeni military forces alone are responsible for anti-terror operations in the country and that the U.S. military's job is limited to intelligence and training. U.S. officials have recently admitted that the U.S. has mounted raids on al-Qaida's affiliate in Yemen and they have also indicated that the U.S. anti-terror focus is shifting to Yemen.

According to a New York Times report on Aug. 14, the U.S. launched an air raid on al-Qaida's branch in the northeastern province of Marib in May, in its fourth onslaught on al-Qaida bases in the country since last December.

Washington had been tight-lipped about its "secret bombing raids" against al-Qaida's affiliates.

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/indepth/2010-08/29/c\\_13468167.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/indepth/2010-08/29/c_13468167.htm)

2626/2010 -----

**Lebanon sends warrant for suspected spy to Interpol**

(ynetnews) Lebanon's chief prosecutor on Wednesday sent an arrest warrant against a suspected spy for Israel to international police agency Interpol, after reports the suspect, who fled the country last year, may be in France.

Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah first spoke of Ghassan al-Jid during a news conference last month in which he was presenting testimony that he said linked Israel to the 2005 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3947638,00.html>

2627/2010 -----

**Netanyahu für regelmäßige vertrauliche Gespräche mit Abbas**

(Standard) Israels Ministerpräsident Benjamin Netanyahu hat im Zuge der wieder aufzunehmenden direkten Nahost-Friedensgespräche regelmäßige vertrauliche Zusammenkünfte mit dem palästinensischen Präsidenten Mahmoud Abbas angeregt. Wie am Freitag aus israelischen Regierungskreisen in Jerusalem verlautete, schlug Netanyahu vor, nach dem Auftakt der direkten Verhandlungen am 2. September in Washington "zweimal im Monat" Vieraugengespräche mit Abbas zu führen. Der israelische Regierungschef habe auch mehrere seiner Minister sowie die US-Regierung über diesen Vorschlag informiert, sagte ein Regierungsvertreter, der anonym bleiben wollte.

<http://derstandard.at/1282273726387/Netanyahu-fuer-regelmaessige-vertrauliche-Gespraechе-mit-Abbas>

2628/2010 -----

**Are Iran's Opposition Leaders Billionaires?**

(RFE/RL) Iran's intelligence minister, Heydar Moslehi, has repeated the accusation that the leaders of the opposition Green Movement received a billion dollars from Western countries.

Moslehi said that the allegations made by Guardians Council head Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati about the financial assistance of foreign countries to the "leaders of the sedition" is not only true, but that the amount given was probably higher.

He added that a detained individual close to the opposition leaders had confessed to have received a significant amount of money from Iran's "enemies."

Jannati said on July 27 that he had obtained documents that prove the leaders of the opposition have received \$1 billion from the United States.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/Are\\_Irans\\_Opposition\\_Leaders\\_Billionaires/2138339.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/Are_Irans_Opposition_Leaders_Billionaires/2138339.html)



**FAR EAST & ASIA**

2629/2010 -----

**If India Tests? The Implications for the Indo-U.S. Civil-Nuclear Deal**

(IDS) By some calculations, the chances that India will test a nuclear weapon in the coming years are not high. But if India again surprises the world as it did in 1998 with five nuclear explosions in the desert of Rajasthan, then conversations on the implications for the Indo-U.S. civil-nuclear deal will begin. The record of debate on testing during negotiations reflects the depth of American concern that testing will lead to unstable nuclear escalation and the lengths the U.S. went to in order to deter India from conducting new tests. But it also underscores U.S. resolve

to forge a new relationship with India despite evident disagreement on a thorny issue. Studying the finely wrought language of the deal reveals some persisting ambiguity about how the deal would be affected if India were to resume testing. However, in the event of a test, it's a safe bet that several factors will play into determining U.S. response: the preferences of U.S. leaders, domestic lobbying, and geopolitical balance of power considerations. This response will be constrained by the strength of the U.S.-India relationship. Further, due to India's deepening nuclear ties with the rest of the world, any U.S. response may have only a modest impact on India.

[http://www.idsa.in/system/files/IB\\_IndiaUSNuclearDeal.pdf](http://www.idsa.in/system/files/IB_IndiaUSNuclearDeal.pdf)

2630/2010 -----

**India's role in Afghanistan made conflict with Pakistan more likely**

(Michael Scheuer) If the West has had any success in Afghanistan, it has been in encouraging India to make a massive investment there of economic aid, infrastructure projects and national prestige. New Delhi is the largest regional investor in the country, and ranks second among all donors. With the West's looming defeat in Afghanistan, however, India's success will prove Pyrrhic, and may well set the stage for another, perhaps nuclear, confrontation between Pakistan and India.

In their usual ahistorical manner, Washington and its NATO allies believed their 2001 occupation of the major Afghan cities signified not only the complete defeat of the Taliban and al-Qaeda, but also an erasure of two millennia of Afghan history and religion that afforded an opportunity to start the country anew. In this context, they looked for other countries to share the enormous cost of nation-building, and India stepped up to the task without having to be asked twice.

And what has India been up to? Mostly infrastructure projects, such as a 250-kilometre highway from Zaranj near the Iran-Afghanistan border to the town of Delaram on the road that connects Kabul, Kandahar and Herat. Indian firms and Indian-government funding are also rebuilding the Salma Dam power project in Herat Province; building the new Afghan parliament house in Kabul; and constructing a power line that will use 600 transmission towers to bring electricity from Uzbekistan, over the Hindu Kush, to Pol-i-Khumri, and thence to Kabul. These and other projects now employ up to 4000 Indian nationals in Afghanistan. In addition, Indian firms are investing in Afghan agriculture and mining, and New Delhi is providing student scholarships, medical aid programs and training for Afghan police and civil servants.

<http://intellibriefs.blogspot.com/2010/09/coming-nuclear-flashpoint.html>

2631/2010 -----

**Japanese Spy satellite hit by power problem**

(japantimes) One of four Japanese spy satellites orbiting Earth has malfunctioned and been inoperative since Monday, the government said Saturday.

According to the Cabinet Satellite Intelligence Center, the No. 2 radar satellite, launched in February 2007, appears to be having problems with its power supply and is being examined. The other three spy satellites, all optical satellites, are working to minimize the impact of the malfunctioning satellite, a Defense Ministry source said.



## EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

2632/2010 -----

### **The European Union's Response to the 2007-2009 Financial Crisis**

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(CRS via FAS) The purpose of this report is to assess the response of the European Union (EU) to the 2007-2009 financial crisis in terms of the financial regulatory changes the EU has made or is planning to make. The financial crisis began in the United States during the second half of 2006 with a sharp increase in U.S. bank losses due to subprime mortgage foreclosures. Because the U.S. and EU banks were using a similar business model, the EU banks experienced similar distressed financial conditions that U.S. banks faced. Large banks on both sides of the Atlantic found themselves severely undercapitalized and holding insufficient liquidity. However, because in the European Union financial regulations are enforced at the European level as well as the member country level, finding and implementing effective remedies for the causes of the financial crisis have been slower and different than the United States.

Before finding remedies, EU member countries and the U.S. banks were recapitalized through government assistance. The recapitalization approaches taken by the United States were similar for all banks through the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) and the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (TLGP). The EU took several recapitalization approaches ranging from consolidating the savings banks in Spain to the establishment of "a bad bank" in Germany. Banks were nationalized in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. In all cases, the financial services providers were recapitalized with taxpayer money. On July 21, 2010, the United States enacted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Financial Reform and Consumer Protection Act (P.L. 111-203), which analysts consider to be a roadmap to remedies of the financial crisis. At the same time, the European Parliament remains deadlocked on a bill that the European Parliament Committee for Economic and Monetary Affairs approved in 2009 that would strengthen the regulatory authorities for banking, securities trade and insurance and pension sectors, and would give the EU the power to overrule member countries on financial issues.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41367.pdf>

2633/2010 -----

### **The EU and the Gaza blockade**

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(ISS) At the heart of the flawed logic that has shaped Israel's behaviour towards Hamas and the Gaza Strip, with Quartet and Palestinian Authority acquiescence, lies an inaccurate, unlawful and counter-productive linkage between the population of the Gaza Strip and Hamas. This dysfunctional linkage must be exposed and challenged.

Making a clear distinction between Hamas and the Gaza Strip would allow for a two-pronged strategy, on the one hand to ensure an urgent and conclusive

end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip, and on the other to ensure the political reality of the Hamas is adequately addressed.

Dismantling the collective punishment logic, argue Esra Bulut and Carolin Goerzig, would open up space to tackle the challenges posed by a bond that Israeli and Euro-Atlantic policies have tried to deny or sidestep since the election of Hamas in 2006, namely the essential link of legitimacy between Palestinians and their representatives in the search for peace.

[http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/EU\\_and\\_the\\_Gaza\\_blockade.pdf](http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/EU_and_the_Gaza_blockade.pdf)

2634/2010 -----

**The International Court of Justice and future of Kosovo**

(FRIDE) Regardless of the International Court of Justice's verdict on Kosovo's declaration of independence, it seems that the battle for recognition will continue. Recognition is essentially a political matter for states to decide for themselves, and those states which have recognised Kosovo will not 'de-recognise' it. However, five European Union member states (Spain, Greece, Romania, Slovakia and Cyprus) still have not recognised Kosovo, and some appear highly unlikely to do so in the foreseeable future. It seems that the key to breaking the current deadlock is overcoming the division within the EU regarding the issue.

This difference in opinion contributes to the incoherence of the EU's Balkans policy. Its unresolved status is a poisonous source of instability in the region and a serious obstacle not only to Kosovo's, but also to Serbia's prospects of eventual EU membership. In this Policy Brief, Judy Batt examines the possible outcomes of the ICJ's decision and analyses the possibilities of accession for Kosovo and Serbia without Serbia recognising its neighbour.

[http://www.fride.org/download/PB52\\_KOSOVO\\_ICJ\\_jul10.pdf](http://www.fride.org/download/PB52_KOSOVO_ICJ_jul10.pdf)

2635/2010 -----

**Swedish firm Oriflame aimed to harm Iran regime**

(AFP) Intelligence Minister Heydar Moslehi accused Swedish cosmetics firm Oriflame on Saturday of trying to harm Iran's security after five of its employees were arrested amid allegations of espionage.

"Oriflame intended to fight the (Iranian) system. There are no economic reasons behind the company," Intelligence Minister Heydar Moslehi was quoted by state television as telling reporters at the Imam Khomeini mausoleum in Tehran. "We realised through the evidence that the arrogance (Western powers) and intelligence agencies sought to create security problems for the country through this company," he said.

In Stockholm, an Oriflame representative said the firm is not involved in any political activities. "We are a cosmetics company, we are selling direct. We are of course not involved in any political activities in the country (Iran). It is very very difficult to comment on" the accusations, chief financial officer Gabriel Bennet told AFP.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gCP-KlEQFmWlBpoluExZtTIb9VWA>

2636/2010 -----

**Island: Zwischen WikiLeaks und EU-Beitritt**

(ORF) 2008 erlebte Island den totalen Zusammenbruch seines Bankensystems. Derzeit versucht die Insel, sich als sicherer Hafen für freie Medien neu zu positionieren. Kernstück dieser Bemühungen ist die Icelandic Modern Media Initiative (IMMI), die investigative Journalisten und deren Quellen ebenso schützen soll wie Telekoms und Provider. ORF.at hat sich bei einem Sprecher der Initiative über den Stand der Dinge und über das Verhältnis von IMMI zur Whistleblower-Website WikiLeaks erkundigt.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1659018/>

2637/2010 -----

**Konfliktfeld Digitale Agenda**

(ORF) Im Rahmen des 11. Salzburger Telekom-Forums stellte Bernd Langeheine, Direktor für Electronic Communications Policy in der EU-Kommission, die wichtigsten Punkte der Digitalen Agenda vor. ORF.at wollte von Langeheine wissen, wie die Kommission derzeit zu Themen wie Internetsperren, Netzneutralität und Datenschutz steht.

"Die Agenda ist kein abstraktes Konzept, das nach ein paar Monaten in den Schubladen verschwindet", erklärte Langeheine in Salzburg. Vielmehr solle es die Basis für eine nachhaltige Entwicklung der digitalen Zukunft sein.

Unter anderem sieht die Agenda vor, dass allen EU-Bürgern bis 2013 Breitband, laut Langeheine "die Lebensader der neuen digitalen Gesellschaft", zur Verfügung stehen soll, bis 2020 gar mit einer Geschwindigkeit von 30 Mbit/s.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1659387/>

2638/2010 -----

**Polen : Russe wegen Spionage angeklagt**

(Standard) Eine knappe Woche vor dem Besuch des russischen Außenministers Sergej Lawrow bedroht ein Spionagefall das Tauwetter zwischen Warschau und Moskau. Die Staatsanwaltschaft in Warschau habe Anklage gegen einen mutmaßlichen russischen Spion erhoben, berichtete die polnische Nachrichtenagentur PAP am Freitag. Details wurden von der Ermittlungsbehörde nicht genannt. Dem Angeklagten droht eine Haftstrafe bis zu zehn Jahren.

<http://derstandard.at/1282273778181/Russe-wegen-Spionage-angeklagt>

2639/2010 -----

**Romania wants normalization with Russia after spy scandal**

(TASS) Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Baconschi called for normalizing relations with Russia after the recent expulsion of a Romanian diplomat on spying suspicions.

The minister told national television that the incident was unable to clog bilateral relations although admitted certain difficulties.

"The spy scandal must be related to the Romanian support to Moldova and internal political events," he said. "In addition, Russia is concerned about the planned deployment of U.S. missile defense elements in Romania and the pro-European and pro-Romanian orientation of the ruling Moldovan coalition."

The minister said that the soonest resumption of the Transdniestrian settlement negotiations in the 5+2 format (Moldova, Transdniestria, the OSCE, Russia, Ukraine and observers from the United States and the European Union) was possible with the enhanced role of the European Union.

Baconschi dismissed rumours that the spy scandal might cause an increase of Russian gas prices for Romania.

<http://www.itar-tass.com/eng/level2.html?NewsID=15448695&PageNum=0>



*(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER, editor of this section!)*

2640/2010 -----

**Liberal Democrat MP's assistant questioned by MI5 over spy links**

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(Daily Mail) A Russian researcher who works for a Liberal Democrat MP has been investigated by MI5 amid fears she has links to spies.

Katia Zatuliveter, 25, a Parliamentary assistant to Left-winger Mike Hancock, was questioned by officials from the security service. They grilled her about her alleged links to Russian intelligence and her love life, indicating that she had been under surveillance, a friend claimed yesterday. Mr Hancock, a backbencher, is a member of the influential Commons' defence select committee and has naval interests in his Portsmouth south constituency.

Security sources say MI5 is investigating whether 'sleeper cells' are active in Britain after a Russian spy ring was unmasked in the U.S. in June. One of the ten caught was Anna Chapman, 28, who lived and worked in the UK between 2001 and 2006 and gained a British passport - since revoked - after marrying a man she met in London.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1307214/Liberal-Democrat-MP-Mike-Hancocks-assistant-questioned-MI5-spy-links.html?ITO=1490>

2641/2010 -----

**Shots are fired at Londonderry home**

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(BBC) Shots have been fired at a house in Londonderry.

Four masked men went to the house in Dove Gardens shortly before 2300 BST on Tuesday. A number of shots were fired at the door. Two men were inside

at the time, but neither was injured. A short time later, petrol bombs and other missiles were thrown at police officers investigating the incident.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-11153200>

2642/2010 -----

**Westlink bomb alert declared hoax**

(BBC) A security alert which closed the busy Westlink road in Belfast has ended and been declared a hoax.

Three separate hoax objects were discovered during the alert. The objects were found on the carriageway when police searched the area on Tuesday morning. They were then examined by the Army. The road was closed in both directions after the police received a telephone bomb warning.

The alerts caused severe disruption as the Westlink is one of Northern Ireland's busiest roads. Sinn Fein assembly member Fra McCann said those responsible should explain what they are trying to achieve.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11139627>

2643/2010 -----

**Australia, US warn travellers on visits to North Ireland**

(Irishtimes) The AUSTRALIAN government has issued a travel warning for Northern Ireland following three bomb attacks this month.

Two bombs were defused in Co Down on August 4th and 8th and a car bomb exploded outside a police station in Derry on the 3rd.

Australian travellers to the North are being warned of an increase in dissident activity, with visitors advised to avoid protests and demonstrations "as they may turn violent."

The Australian department of foreign affairs and trade warned citizens of bomb attacks aimed at police and military targets saying "Australians could inadvertently be caught up in violence directed at others".

The United States bureau of consular affairs said: "US citizens travelling to Northern Ireland should remain alert to their surroundings and should be aware that if they choose to visit potential flashpoints or attend parades, sporadic violence remains a possibility".

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/0827/1224277689774.html>

2644/2010 -----

**CIA says Irish Americans were terror agents in new Wikileaks doc**

(Irish Central) The CIA uses Irish Americans as examples of "exporter of terrorism." because of support for the IRA in a new classified document released by Wikileaks.

In the latest Wikileaks document released yesterday a classified CIA document referred to as a "red cell" document is displayed. It discusses what the impact would be if other countries began to view Americans as part

of the terrorism problem rather than helping with the solution. The document is entitled "What If Foreigners See the United States as an "Exporter of Terrorism"?"

It says some Irish Americans were definitely part of this scenario and replays Irish American history.

<http://www.irishcentral.com/story/news/periscope/cia-says-irish-americans-were-terror-agents-in-new-wilkileaks-document-101543703.html>

2645/2010 -----

**Inquest into Denis Donaldson murder set for January**

(Belfast Telegraph) A date has finally been fixed for the inquest into the death of a double agent, almost four-and-a-half years after his murder.

Senior Sinn Fein figure Denis Donaldson, who had been operating as a British spy for 20 years, was found dead in his remote home at Cloghercor, near Doochary in Co Donegal, on April 4, 2006.

He had been shot four times inside the cottage, 8km from Glenties.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/inquest-into-denis-donaldson-murder-set-for-january-14926310.html>

2646/2010 -----

**Senior ex-Provisional confirms Fr James Chesney was in IRA**

(Tribune News) A senior ex-IRA member in Derry has told the Sunday Tribune how he attended IRA meetings with Fr James Chesney, the priest accused of involvement in the Claudy bombing in which nine people were killed.

It is the first confirmation from a republican source that Chesney was an IRA activist. Last week, the police ombudsman's report named the priest as a suspect in the atrocity.

RUC special branch alleged he was the Provisionals' South Derry commander and drove the lead bomb car into Claudy. However, given special branch's history, many nationalists are suspicious of its claims. The former senior IRA figure said Chesney was definitely an IRA member: "Like many others, he joined following that wave of anger at how civil rights' marchers were treated. He was deeply affected by the introduction of internment."

The ex-IRA man attended a meeting in Bellaghy, Co Derry, at which Chesney was present. He was "very impressed" with Chesney: "He wasn't just a verbal republican. He wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty."

<http://www.tribune.ie/news/home-news/article/2010/aug/29/senior-ex-provisional-confirms-fr-james-chesney-wa/>

2647/2010 -----

**Duo 'may have tried terror dry run'**

(Belfast Telegraph) Two airline passengers arrested after scans revealed suspicious items in their luggage may have been on a dry run for a terrorist attack, security sources have said.

The men were held at Amsterdam airport after flying in from the US at a time of heightened alert just days before the ninth anniversary of the September 11 2001 terror attacks. Among their luggage was a mobile phone taped to a medicine bottle and a knife and box cutters.

Ahmed Mohamed Nasser al Soofi and Hezam al Murisi arrived on a United Airlines flight from Chicago, where their decision to change their flight plans raised questions.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/duo-may-have-tried-terror-dry-run-14929688.html>



## GERMANY

2648/2010 -----

### **Verfassungsbeschwerde gegen BSI-Gesetz**

(ORF) Die deutsche Bürgerrechtsorganisation Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung (AK Vorrat) und der Sicherheitssprecher der Grünen-Bundestagsfraktion, Wolfgang Wieland, haben am Mittwoch beim Bundesverfassungsgericht in Karlsruhe Verfassungsbeschwerde gegen das "Gesetz zur Stärkung der Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik des Bundes" (BSI-Gesetz) eingereicht.

Aus Sicht der Beschwerdeführer geht das im Juni 2009 von der Großen Koalition beschlossene Gesetz in einigen Punkten zu weit. Es ermächtigt das Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI) dazu, anlasslos die Kommunikation aller Bürger mit Bundesbehörden und Bundestagsabgeordneten aufzuzeichnen. Auch die Suchanfragen auf Behördenwebsites seien davon betroffen, so die Bürgerrechtler.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1659530/>

2649/2010 -----

### **Datenpanne bei Schlecker**

(ORF) Bei der Drogeriemarktkette Schlecker hat es eine Datenpanne gegeben. Kundenprofile und Newsletter-Abodaten des Unternehmens seien öffentlich im Internet zugänglich gewesen, bestätigte ein Sprecher von Schlecker am Freitag. Auch österreichische Kunden sind betroffen.

Das Leck habe es nicht bei Schlecker, sondern bei einem externen Dienstleister gegeben. Der Fehler sei mittlerweile behoben und die Daten nicht mehr für Unbefugte im Netz abrufbar.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1658981/>

2650/2010 -----

**Pakistan weist Hamburger Islamisten aus**

(Spiegel) Rund zwei Monate nach seiner Festnahme in Pakistan hat die Regierung in Islamabad den Hamburger Islamisten Rami M. ausgewiesen. Mit einem Linienflug über Abu Dhabi kam er am Mittwoch um 17.30 Uhr auf dem Flughafen Frankfurt an. Am Donnerstag wurde der 25-Jährige einem Ermittlungsrichter vorgeführt und in die Justizvollzugsanstalt Weiterstadt gebracht. Der Richter erließ Haftbefehl wegen Mitgliedschaft in einer ausländischen terroristischen Vereinigung.

Der Generalbundesanwalt ermittelt gegen Rami M., weil die Ermittler glauben, dass er sich im afghanisch-pakistanischen Grenzgebiet bei der dschihadistischen Gruppe Islamische Bewegung Usbekistans (IBU) aufgehalten hat und dort möglicherweise ausgebildet wurde.

Der Fall Rami M. hatte deutsche und pakistanische Behörden wochenlang beschäftigt und auch zu Streit zwischen deutschen Dienststellen geführt. Der Hamburger Islamist war im März 2009 abgetaucht - gemeinsam mit acht jungen Männern und Frauen hatte er sich auf den Weg in die Stammesgebiete im Nordwesten Pakistans gemacht. Mutmaßliches Ziel: Eine Terrorgruppe, der sie sich anschließen wollten.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,713934,00.html>

2651/2010 -----

**Anklage gegen österreichischen mutmaßlichen Spion erhoben**

(Boulevard Baden) Wegen mutmaßlicher Spionage hat die Bundesanwaltschaft Anklage gegen einen Österreicher beim Oberlandesgericht München erhoben. Der 54-Jährige soll von 1997 bis 2002 mit dem russischen Geheimdienst zusammengearbeitet haben. Seine Aufgabe war es den Angaben vom Mittwoch zufolge unter anderem, Unterlagen aus dem Bereich ziviler und militärischer Hubschraubertechnik zu beschaffen. Der Agentenlohn habe mindestens 10.500 US-Dollar betragen.

- (a) <http://www.boulevard-baden.de/ueberregionales/politik/2010/09/01/anklage-gegen-mutmaslichen-spion-erhoben-246464>
- (b) [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jmTmK\\_egQDEHI\\_pLlI\\_FAHBkLuiUwD9HV6COG0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jmTmK_egQDEHI_pLlI_FAHBkLuiUwD9HV6COG0)



## SWITZERLAND

2652/2010 -----

**Anschlagserie auf den Bankenplatz Genf**



(Tagesanzeiger) Acht Personen haben am Montag ein Päckchen mit ätzender Säure erhalten. Drei Personen wurden verletzt, darunter ein Kind. Über das Motiv wird gerätselt.

Es war eine feige Falle: Die blauen Dosen mit der

Flüssigkeit - es handelt sich wohl um eine Art Schwefelsäure - wurden nicht an die Arbeitsplätze, sondern an die Privatadressen geschickt. Am schwersten hat es dann auch ein Kind getroffen, das Verätzungen am Kopf erlitt. Die beiden anderen Personen wurden an den Händen verletzt. Eine davon ist die Gattin eines Bankers. «Als ich das Paket öffnete, hat es nicht speziell gerochen. Doch die Säure war stark. Sie hinterließ kleine Löcher in Jacke und Jeans. Meine Hand fing an zu brennen, und ich habe sie dann reflexartig unter das kalte Wasser gehalten», so die Frau gegenüber der Zeitung «Le Matin». Angst habe sie deswegen jetzt aber nicht, sie werde auch weiterhin alle Briefe öffnen.

Empfänger der gefährlichen Post waren Privatbanker und andere Personen aus der Welt der Finanzen. Es seien aber alles bekannte Persönlichkeiten, sagt Opfer-Anwalt Michel Halperin der Genfer Tageszeitung «Tribune de Genève». Halperin vermutet als Motiv Rache gegen eine Bank oder den Finanzplatz im Allgemeinen. Er deutet eine mögliche Verbindung zwischen diesem Vorfall und der Wirtschaftskrise an. Halperin will auch nicht ausschließen, dass hinter den Attentaten eine psychisch kranke Person steckt.

<http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/panorama/vermishtes/SaeureAngriff-auf-Genfer-TopBanker-Ein-Opfer-erzaehlt/story/12947763>



2653/2010 -----

**Mordkomplott gegen Ex-Botschafter?**

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(Kurier) Neue Dokumente sollen von der "Neutralisierung" des früheren kasachischen Diplomat Alijew sprechen. Die Botschaft spricht von einer Fälschung.

Wir nehmen die Sache ernst, wir haben entsprechende Maßnahmen getroffen", sagt Innenministeriums-Sprecher Rudolf Gollia. Mehr will er nicht sagen. Zu brisant ist der Fall, zu gefährdet die Person, um die es geht - und so verwirrend sind auch die Hintergründe.

Bei dem Bedrohten handelt es sich um Rakhat Alijew, Ex-Botschafter Kasachstans in Österreich. In seiner Heimat ist er unter dem Vorwurf, ein Mafia-Pate zu sein, zu insgesamt 40 Jahren Haft (in Abwesenheit) verurteilt worden. Er ist Ex-Schwiegersonn von Präsident Nursultan Nasarbajew.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2028182.php>



## AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

2654/2010 -----

### **Mexico: The Arrest of La Barbie**

(Stratfor) The Mexican Federal Attorney General's Office (PGR) confirmed that members of the Federal Police detained former Beltran Leyva Organization top enforcer, Edgar "La Barbie" Valdez Villarreal. Several Mexican media outlets have reported that the operation that netted Valdez Villarreal took place outside of Toluca, Mexico state, while others have reported that the operation actually took place near the Morelos and Guerrero state borders. Federal Police had reportedly launched an operation to capture Valdez Villarreal on Aug. 9 at a luxury condominium complex in the Bosque de Las Lomas neighbourhood of Mexico City but missed him by a few hours, indicating that the Mexican government was close to capturing him for some time before his arrest. The arrest of such high-profile and public figure in the Mexican drug-trafficking scene is a huge success for the Mexican government on both a tactical and public relations level.

<http://app.response.stratfor.com/e/es.aspx?s=1483&e=97993&elq=b6cde6748ff247d7897f426049a919fa>

2655/2010 -----

### **We don't peek into emails or eavesdrop on Canadians: Spy agency**

(Montreal Gazette) A spokesman for this country's ultrasecret electronic-spy agency, Communications Security Establishment, said Monday that the agency is not in the business of prying into Canadians' private communications – and that if they do pick up emails or cellphone chats, it's "unintentional."

The spokesman was responding to published comments last week that the terrorism-related arrests in Ontario were triggered when authorities intercepted messages between members of the alleged cell and that at least one of the suspects used Ottawa Public Library computers to send those messages.

"One of the (CSE) filters picked up their chat," Michel Juneau-Katsuya, a former Canadian Security Intelligence Service agent, was quoted as saying.

"The way the system is established, we've got red flags everywhere and you can trip one of those flags any time. If you're travelling to Pakistan, that's a red flag. If you're going on certain websites, that's another red flag and if you use in email certain key words. . . . When you've got enough red flags, then you become a person of interest. My understanding is they were caught from the Internet."

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/peek+into+emails+eavesdrop+Canadians+agency/3461780/story.html>

2656/2010 -----

**Fidel Castro claims Osama bin Laden is a US spy**

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(Guardian) Former Cuban president says the 9/11 mastermind is in the pay of the CIA and cites WikiLeaks as his source.

Fidel Castro has more reason than most to believe conspiracy theories involving dark forces in Washington. After all, the CIA tried to blow his head off with an exploding cigar.

But the ageing Cuban revolutionary may have gone too far for all but the most ardent believer in the reach and competence of America's intelligence agency. He has claimed that Osama bin Laden is in the pay of the CIA and that President George Bush summoned up the al-Qaida leader whenever he needed to increase the fear quotient. The former Cuban president said he knows it because he has read WikiLeaks.

Castro told a visiting Lithuanian writer, who is known as a font of intriguing conspiracy theories about plots for world domination, that Bin Laden was working for the White House.

"Bush never lacked for Bin Laden's support. He was a subordinate," Castro said, according to the Communist party daily, Granma. "Any time Bush would stir up fear and make a big speech, Bin Laden would appear, threatening people with a story about what he was going to do."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/aug/27/fidel-castro-osama-bin-laden-us-spy>



## AUSTRALIA

2657/2010 -----

**Locals get to play 'I spy' as ASIO headquarters takes shape**

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(Canberra Times) THE ELEVATOR wells are up, cranes dot the skyline and works are progressing steadily on the new ASIO headquarters in Parkes.

Construction of the \$606million monolith is progressing on time and on budget, with completion scheduled for mid-2012 before becoming operational later that year.

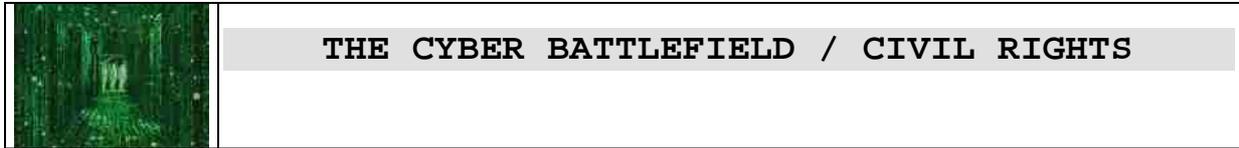
While ASIO is a secretive organisation, Canberrans have the rare chance to turn the tables on Australia's largest domestic spy agency by watching the headquarter's construction.

But don't get caught looking. Despite its public construction, security surrounding the project is high. The 270 construction workers on site have been vetted for security clearance, must pass security checkpoints each day, and have signed papers not to discuss anything that happens on site.

Winning tenders are kept secret to prevent infiltration and building is compartmentalised so no firm completes enough work to gain too much information. Armed guards are rumoured to patrol the boundaries at night.

When asked about security arrangement on such a public work site, ASIO remained tight lipped.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/locals-get-to-play-i-spy-as-asio-headquarters-takes-shape/1919987.aspx>



2658/2010 -----

**Pentagon breached by foreign hacker**

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(Telegraph) A foreign spy agency carried out the most serious "cyber attack" on the US military's networks when a tainted flash drive was inserted into a laptop in the Middle East, according to a senior Pentagon official.

The USB stick contained a malicious code that spread undetected and was able to transfer data about American operational plans to foreign networks.

Writing in the journal Foreign Affairs, William Lynn, the deputy defence secretary, said the attack was "the worst fear" of anyone running a computer network. Mr Lynn did not say which country's spy agency was behind the attack or how much damage was caused. He said more than 100 foreign intelligence organisations routinely tried to break into US networks.

"Some governments already have the capacity to disrupt elements of the US information infrastructure," he said. He said that every year hackers stole enough data from US government agencies, businesses and universities to fill the Library of Congress many times over.

The article went on to warn that adversaries of the US could threaten American military might without building stealth fighters, aircraft carriers or other expensive weapons systems.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/7966871/Pentagon-breached-by-foreign-hacker.html>
- (b) <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/usa/Cyber-Attacks-Againts-US-Military-Computers-Increase-Sharply-101613048.html>
- (c) [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/08/27/this\\_week\\_at\\_war\\_their\\_own\\_private\\_internet](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/08/27/this_week_at_war_their_own_private_internet)

2659/2010 -----

**Researchers Kneecap 'Pushdo' Spam Botnet**

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(Krebs) Security researchers have dealt a mighty blow to a spam botnet known as Pushdo, a massive grouping of hacked PCs that until recently was responsible for sending more than 10 percent of all junk e-mail worldwide.

According to security firm M86 Security Labs, junk e-mail being relayed by Pushdo (a.k.a. Cutwail) tapered off from a torrent to a dribble over the past few days. M86 credits researchers at LastLine Inc., a security firm made up of professors and graduate students from University of California,

Santa Barbara, the Vienna University of Technology (Austria), Eurecom (France), and Ruhr-University Bochum (Germany).

[http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/08/researchers-kneecap-pushdo-spam-botnet/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29](http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/08/researchers-kneecap-pushdo-spam-botnet/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29)

2660/2010 -----

#### **MS Fix Shores Up Security for Windows Users**

(Krebs) Microsoft has released a point-and-click tool to help protect Windows users from a broad category of security threats that stem from a mix of insecure default behaviours in Windows and poorly written third-party applications.

My explanation of the reason that this is a big deal may seem a bit geeky and esoteric, but it's a good idea for people to have a basic understanding of the threat because a number of examples of how to exploit the situation have already been posted online.

- (a) Report: [http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/09/ms-fix-shores-up-security-for-windows-users/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29](http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/09/ms-fix-shores-up-security-for-windows-users/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29)
- (b) MS FixIt-tool: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2264107>

2661/2010 -----

#### **Indien will Zugriff auf Skype- und Google-Daten**

(ORF) Nach ihren Forderungen an den kanadischen BlackBerry-Hersteller Research in Motion (RIM), den Behörden Zugriff auf den verschlüsselten Datenverkehr seiner Nutzer zu gewähren, setzt die indische Regierung nun auch Google und den VoIP-Anbieter Skype stärker unter Druck.

Laut indischen Medienberichten gibt RIM den indischen Behörden bereits ab heute Zugriff auf die verschlüsselten Kommunikationsinhalte seiner Kunden. Betroffen sind E-Mail- und Internetzugriffsdaten. Die indische Regierung begründete ihre Forderungen damit, dass Extremisten die Mobilgeräte dazu nutzen könnten, Anschläge vorzubereiten.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1659541/>



## **SPYCRAFT**

2662/2010 -----

#### **INTelligence: Signals Intelligence**

(CIA) The president and policymakers rely on insights from Central Intelligence Agency products to help form their foreign policy decisions. CIA officers use a variety of sources in formulating their assessments. The

following article is the second in a series that will explore different sources and collection disciplines, which are the building blocks of what we call "finished intelligence." This article focuses on signals intelligence.

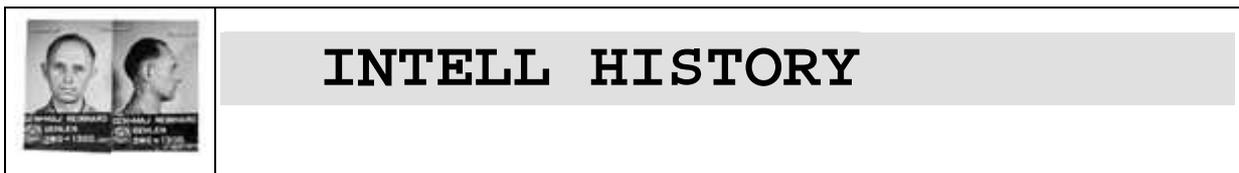
<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/intelligence-signals-intelligence-1.html>

2663/2010 -----

**Geospatial Intelligence: Analytical Skill Sets For Intel Operators**

(intellibriefs) Geospatial Intelligence or, as it is more familiarly known, GIS, is a product of the post Second World War explosion of technology - or is it? I would contend that this view is flawed and that GIS has been with us for generations: from the cave man who shinned up the nearest tree to get a better look at his quarry to the Montgolfier Brothers rising above Paris in that misty autumn morning 217 years ago.

<http://intellibriefs.blogspot.com/2010/09/geospatial-intelligence-analytical.html>



2664/2010 -----

**The Twilight of the Bombs**

(FAS) In "The Twilight of the Bombs," the fourth and final volume of his epic history of the nuclear era, author Richard Rhodes examines "how the dangerous post-Cold War transition was managed, who its heroes were, what we learned from it, and where it carried us."

Covering the years 1990-2010, from the collapse of the Soviet Union onward, much of the latest history is familiar. But by focusing on nuclear weapons development, proliferation and testing, Rhodes fashions his own narrative arc, enriched by new interviews and insights.

In the end, he sees a hopeful trajectory of "nuclear limitation and foreclosure: from Mikhail Gorbachev's and Ronald Reagan's initiatives to end the Cold War, to the voluntary disarming of the former Soviet republics and the security of nuclear materials, to the U.S. and Russia's deepening mutual arms reduction, to the up-and-down negotiations with North Korea that have nevertheless prevented another Korean war, to international diplomatic pressure brought to bear effectively on India and Pakistan, to the persistent march forward of negotiations toward treaties to limit nuclear testing and proliferation." (However, Rhodes does not specifically address the case of Iran's nuclear program, as noted by Tim Rutten in an August 18 review in the Los Angeles Times.)

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/08/rhodes\\_twilight.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/08/rhodes_twilight.html)

2665/2010 -----

**E. Henry Knoche, 85; a key player in the intelligence game**

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(Washington Post) One of the leading scorers on the University of Colorado's basketball team in the 1940s was E. Henry Knoche, a limber, 6-foot-4 center, who averaged 18 points a game for the Buffaloes. In 1947, he was among the first players picked in the inaugural draft of the league that would become the NBA.

He was selected by the Pittsburgh Ironmen, but the team, about to go out of business, sold his contract to the New York Knicks. Spying a financial opportunity, Mr. Knoche attempted to negotiate his salary with the Knicks. The star player demanded \$2,500. The Knicks said no deal.

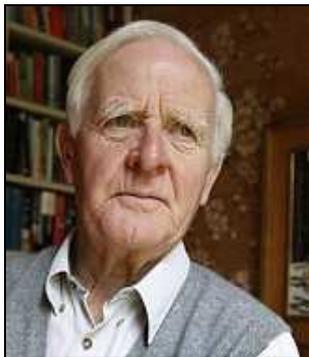
So ended Mr. Knoche's basketball career. He went to work instead as a Navy intelligence officer, a position he parlayed into a job with the CIA. By the end of his career, Mr. Knoche had risen to acting director -- a position he held for about seven weeks under President Jimmy Carter -- and was party to the country's deepest secrets. Mr. Knoche kept those secrets safe until he died of congestive heart failure July 9 at a hospital in Denver, where he lived in retirement. He was 85.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/08/28/AR2010082803203.html>

2666/2010 -----

**British spies carried out assassinations during Cold War, Le Carre**

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(Daily Mail) Britain's intelligence services carried out assassinations and did 'some very bad things' during the Cold War, according to the former spy and novelist John Le Carre.

Le Carre - real name David Cornwell - worked for both MI5 and MI6 during the 1950s and 1960s. His revelations come in the same week that the body of MI6 worker Gareth Williams was discovered in a holdall in his London flat. Le Carre told The Sunday Telegraph: 'Certainly we did some very bad things. We did a lot of direct action.

'Assassinations, at arm's length. Although I was never involved.' But the former secret agent, who is about to have his 22nd book published, insisted that Western intelligence agencies operated very differently from their Soviet Bloc counterparts.

He said: 'Even when quite ruthless operations were being contemplated (in the West) the process of democratic consultation was still relatively intact and decent humanitarian instincts came into play.

'Totalitarian states killed with impunity and no one was held accountable.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1307199/British-spies-carried-assassinations-Cold-War-claims-agent-Le-Carre.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

2667/2010 -----

**The True Story of The KGB Romeo Spy**

(Cryptome) A true life story of John Alexander Symonds (known as the KGB Romeo Spy) for you to publish on Cryptome. John said he much admires the work you have done with Cryptome over the years and he wanted you to be the first to hear about the publication of his book today.

With an introduction by leading intelligence expert Nigel West, this is the first time that John has published such a comprehensive description of how he came to work for the KGB, his missions across the globe, and his eventual return to Britain to tell his story.

<http://cryptome.org/0002/romeo-spy.doc>

2668/2010 -----

**The Russian ballerina Nazi spy who aided British defeat in Norway**

(Guardian) A Russian ballerina who became a Nazi spy was responsible for one of the earliest allied defeats in the second world war after getting hold of the British campaign plan for Norway, according to historic security services files released today.

Marina Lee was said by captured German agents to have infiltrated General Auchinleck's headquarters at Tromso in 1940 enabling the Germans to turn almost certain defeat into victory. The failure of the Norwegian campaign directly led to Neville Chamberlain's replacement by Winston Churchill as wartime prime minister.

MI5 learned of the claim in January 1942 from a captured German agent, Gerth van Wijk, who was working for the British inside Camp 020 detention centre in Surrey. He was told this "astonishing story" from another captured agent called Von Finckenstein. Although corroborated by a second German detainee, KC Hansen, the file shows that MI5 was never able to establish the truth of the story despite pursuing its inquiries for a further six years.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/aug/26/russian-ballerina-nazi-spy-marina-lee>

2669/2010 -----

**Maurice Wilkins 'probed as spy suspect'**

(Metro) Nobel-prize winning scientist Maurice Wilkins was once investigated over allegations he was a Soviet spy, according to documents released by MI5.

Wilkins, who shared the 1962 prize for medicine with James Watson and Francis Crick for the discovery of the "double helix" structure of DNA, was suspected by US officials of passing information to the Russians during the Cold War.

According to the MI5 papers, Wilkins - who was never aware he was under investigation - was said to be sharing information on the American atomic energy programme known as the Manhattan Project during the 1950s.

However, when requested to interview Wilkins by the FBI, the British security service refused, saying: "The interrogator's hand is too weak."

<http://www.metro.co.uk/news/839176-maurice-wilkins-probed-as-spy-suspect-new-mi5-papers-reveal>



2670/2010 -----  
**(IT) Security Threat Report: Mid-year 2010**

(Sophos) Halfway through 2010, cybercrime continues to evolve and grow in both scale and sophistication. Just as folks have changed their habits to accommodate new technologies and new ways of conducting their everyday business, security providers have needed to implement new strategies to cope with the massive growth in new malware and new attack vectors. Knowledge is power, and understanding the dangers posed by the modern interconnected world is the first step toward keeping one's identity, possessions and finances safe and secure.

<https://secure.sophos.com/security/whitepapers/sophos-security-threat-report-midyear-2010-wpna> (requires subscription)

2671/2010 -----  
**Intelligence Interviewing. Teaching Papers and Case Studies**

(ISB via FAS) Intelligence personnel who are trying to elicit information from a prisoner or a detainee can effectively do so in a non-coercive manner, according to the Intelligence Science Board (ISB), an official advisory group to the Director of National Intelligence.

"The United States and other democracies can benefit from exploring and learning more in the area of non-coercive intelligence interviewing," the Board said in a sequel to its December 2006 report on "Educating Information". That earlier study found that existing U.S. intelligence interrogation practices were not scientifically well-founded. "The study team could not discover an objective scientific basis for the techniques commonly used by U.S. interrogators."

The newly disclosed follow-on report, dated April 2009, "is written primarily for individuals concerned with 'high-value' detainees and those who focus mainly on strategic interrogation." It provides a survey of behavioural science perspectives on topics relevant to the interrogation process – including persuasion, power, stress, resistance, and memory – as well as two case studies of actual interrogations.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/isb/interview.pdf>

2672/2010 -----  
**USDI Open Source Intelligence Instruction**

(US DoD) Also known as dodi 3115.12, august 24, 2010. While the document displays some tiny hints that someone somewhere is thinking, it is largely bureaucratic pap that sanctifies the existing dysfunctional status quo, to include an SES as a branch chief rather than as the head of a new

Department, DO, co-equal to DH and DI and DX. The only glimmer of progress is in requiring a consolidated defense program, but even this will be mangled and prolonged. This is a bean-counter instruction, not a real-world instruction intent on providing OSINT support to policy, acquisition, and operations.

[http://www.oss.net/dynamaster/file\\_archive/100828/f81413bcce01b755afefcb02df17d592/USDI%20OSINT%20Instruction%2024%20Aug%202010.pdf](http://www.oss.net/dynamaster/file_archive/100828/f81413bcce01b755afefcb02df17d592/USDI%20OSINT%20Instruction%2024%20Aug%202010.pdf)



2673/2010 -----  
**Location Intelligence GeoCloud DC 22 Sep 10**

What: Location Intelligence for Geospatial Cloud Computing Executive Symposium

When: September 22, 2010

Where: The Newseum's Knight Conference Center, Washington DC

<http://www.locationintelligence.net/index.php>

2674/2010 -----  
**MALCON - Malware Conference**



Malcon is the worlds first platform bringing together Malware and Information Security Researchers from across the globe to share key research insights into building the next generation malwares. Spread across the world, malcoders now have a common platform to demonstrate expertise, get a new insight and be a part of the global MALCODER community. This conference features keynotes, technical presentations, workshops as well as the EMERGING CHALLENGES of creating undetectable stealthy malware.

Abstract submission deadline	October 15th 2010
Notification of abstract acceptance	October 20st 2010
Final copy of full paper due	November 10th 2010
Workshop and Trainings on Malwares	December 2nd 2010
Malcon Conference, Mumbai	December 3rd 2010
Malcon Presentation, Pune (Clubhack 2010)	December 5th 2010

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2675/2010 -----

**„Nachrichtendienste auf dem Prüfstand: gefordert - gerüstet ...?“**

Das Institut für Friedenssicherung und Konfliktmanagement (IFK) an der Landesverteidigungsakademie beehrt sich, zur Podiumsdiskussion „Nachrichtendienste auf dem Prüfstand: gefordert - gerüstet - gefährlich?“ am 22. September 2010 um 18:00 Uhr in die Sala Terrena der Landesverteidigungsakademie (1070 Wien, Stiftgasse 2a) herzlich einzuladen.

Es diskutieren:

- Peter GRIDLING  
Leiter des Bundesamts für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung
- Alfred SCHÄTZ  
ehemaliger Leiter des Heeres-Nachrichtenamts
- Fred SCHREIER  
Genfer Zentrum für die demokratische Kontrolle der Streitkräfte
- Anton DENG  
Institut für Friedenssicherung und Konfliktmanagement
- Gudrun HARRER  
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- Walter FEICHTINGER  
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Wir dürfen um Anmeldung bis 20. September 2010 an Hr. Christian HUBER unter [huber.christian.m@bmlvs.gv.at](mailto:huber.christian.m@bmlvs.gv.at) oder unter der Fax-Nummer 05020110 17262 ersuchen.

*(Hat tip to Prof. Siegfried Beer fort his info!)*

2676/2010 -----

**Naked Intelligence 2010, Washington, DC -- October 12-13, 2010**

SS World and Naked Intelligence have partnered to create the world's most unique Intelligence Support Systems and Intelligence Gathering conference. This event combines hands-on access to intelligence support systems solution providers with valuable insight and know-how presented by experienced practitioners of intelligence.

The ISS World Americas and Naked Intelligence conferences will share an exposition hall that will showcase both tools and services for the Intelligence and Law Enforcement Communities. Registrants will be able to attend both conferences with a single registration and choose among several tracks focused on both Intelligence Support Systems and Open Source Intelligence methods and techniques.

The Naked Intelligence agenda is below. Please click here to see the ISS World Program tracks.

We hope you can join us in Washington this fall.

[http://www.telestrategies.com/ni\\_10/index.htm](http://www.telestrategies.com/ni_10/index.htm)



## MEDIA ALERTS

2677/2010 -----

### **George Clooney's mission unfocused in spy thriller**



(Boston Herald) In Anton Corbijn's oddly paced hit man drama "The American," George Clooney plays a lone American assassin without a (real) name who is on the run in Europe. (Gee, where have I heard this setup?) Neither he nor we know who's chasing him. Swedes, he thinks, but he's not sure.

Nor are we. This is one of those films that has dialogue in the trailer that isn't in the movie, never a good sign.

<http://www.bostonherald.com/entertainment/movies/reviews/view.bg?articleid=1278282&srvc=home&position=also>

2678/2010 -----

### **Spy Dave Thomas reveals how close Hollywood comes to a true portrayal**

(California Chronicle) SEMI-retired spy Dave Thomas, who runs the corporate role playing company Spygames, talks to The Brief to mark the Blu-ray and DVD release of From Paris With Love.

It's a CIA thriller starring John Travolta and Jonathan Rhys Meyers, and Dave tells John Dingwall why Travolta's Charlie Wax is one of the great movie spies.

<http://www.californiachronicle.com/articles/yb/149288450>

2679/2010 -----

### **Media alerts**

am Fr, 03.09. um 19:05 n-tv  
Satelliten-Abschuss im Weltall

Reportage

Dauer: 55 min (a)

Beschreibung: 20. Februar 2008. Der defekte Spionage-Satellit "USA 193" befindet sich auf Kollisionskurs mit der Erde. Um eine Katastrophe zu verhindern, versucht ein 360 Mann starkes Team der US-Navy, den Satelliten kontrolliert abzuschießen.

am Sa, 04.09. um 00:05 SF 1  
James Bond 007 - Liebesgrüße aus Moskau

Zum 80. Geburtstag von Sean Connery

Agententhriller

Dauer: 115 min (b)

Beschreibung: Die internationale Terrororganisation "Phantom" spielt den russischen und den britischen Geheimdienst gegeneinander aus, um in den Besitz einer Dechiffrieremaschine der Sowjets zu kommen. Um diese zu ergattern, reist James Bond nach Istanbul. Dort begegnet er auch der schönen Agentin Tatjana Romanova, einer angeblichen Überläuferin.

am So, 05.09. um 02:10 Kabel Eins

Das vierte Protokoll

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 115 min (c)

Beschreibung: Das vierte Protokoll ist ein Thriller mit Pierce Brosnan und Michael Caine aus dem Jahr 1987. Der Titel basiert auf einem fiktionalen geheimen Zusatzprotokoll zum Atomwaffensperrvertrag von 1968, mit dem sich die Atomkräfte verpflichten, atomare Waffen ausschließlich durch konventionelle militärische Mittel wie Flugzeuge oder Raketen ins Ziel zu bringen statt etwa auf dem Frachtweg.

am Di, 07.09. um 22:12 arte

Die Anthrax-Dealer

Themenabend: Biowaffen - Tod aus dem Labor

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 83 min (d)

Beschreibung: Zu den bestgehüteten Geheimnissen unserer Zeit gehört der Wettlauf um die Vorherrschaft bei der Forschung und der Produktion bakteriologischer Waffen. Die Dokumentation versucht, dieses Rätsel zu lösen, und hat unter anderem in streng bewachten Laboren recherchiert sowie Wissenschaftler und Politiker befragt. Die Ermittlungen um eines der weltweit bestgehüteten Geheimnisse, nämlich der Erforschung und Produktion biologischer Waffen, setzen im Jahr 2001 ein. Nur eine Woche nach den Anschlägen vom 11. September wurden in den USA mehrere Anthrax-Anschläge verübt. Fünf Menschen starben an den Erregern der auch Milzbrand genannten Infektionskrankheit. Das FBI konnte die Verbrechen bis heute nicht aufklären.

am Do, 09.09. um 00:00 ORF 2

The Path to 9/11 - Wege des Terrors

Politdrama, Folge 1

Dauer: 150 min (e)

Beschreibung: New York, September 2001. Radikal-islamische Terroristen lenken zwei vollbesetzte Passagierflugzeuge in die Zwillingstürme des 'World Trade Centers'. Mehrere tausend Menschen sterben. Im Jahr darauf soll eine Kommission klären, ob es Versäumnisse seitens der U.S.-Behörden bei der Terrorbekämpfung gegeben hat - mit erschütternden Ergebnissen: Warnende Stimmen wurden überhört, wie etwa die von FBI-Chefermittler O'Neill, als die 'Twin Towers' bereits 1993 erstmals Ziel eines Anschlags werden.

am Do, 09.09. um 00:10 3sat

Der 11. September - Die wahre Geschichte: Es begann in Hamburg

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Der 11. September 2001 ist der schwärzeste Tag der jüngeren amerikanischen Geschichte. Zahlreiche Verschwörungstheorien ranken sich noch immer um die Ereignisse. - Der zweiteilige Film beleuchtet die Hintergründe und den Hergang des Terroranschlags. Im Mittelpunkt des ersten Teils steht FBI-Agent John O'Neill, der schon früh vor Al Kaida gewarnt hatte.

am Do, 09.09. um 01:05 arte

Amerikas Alptraum - Der 11. September 2001 oder: Der Opfertod des John O'Neill

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (g)

Beschreibung: Die "9/11"-Anschläge haben das Selbstbewusstsein der US-Amerikaner tief erschüttert. Der Kampf gegen den internationalen Terrorismus, den die USA seitdem führen, tobt bis heute - ein Ende ist nicht abzusehen. "Amerikas Alptraum" erzählt die Geschichte von John O'Neill, der vor dem Anschlag warnte und darin umkommt.

am Fr, 10.09. um 00:00 ORF 2  
The Path to 9/11 - Wege des Terrors

Politdrama, Folge 2  
Dauer: 110 min (h)

Beschreibung: Vor der jemenitischen Küste wird ein US-Kriegsschiff angegriffen. FBI-Anti-Terror-Experte O'Neill reist ins Krisengebiet, um den Kopf der Drahtzieher Osama Bin Laden zu verhaften. Doch der Zugriffsbefehl lässt auf sich warten. Da Präsidentschaftswahlen anstehen, ist die US-Politik wie gelähmt. O'Neill resigniert immer mehr und zieht schließlich die Konsequenzen. Frustriert verlässt er das FBI und wechselt ins 'World Trade Center', wo er als Sicherheitschef bis zu den Anschlägen seinen Dienst versieht.

- (a) <http://www.n-tv.de/mediathek/tvprogramm/?d=2010-09-03>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25993578&tvid=be8852013e8cd139c81ec81ffd028d9e>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25995254&tvid=be8852013e8cd139c81ec81ffd028d9e>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25923414&tvid=be8852013e8cd139c81ec81ffd028d9e>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26053277&tvid=be8852013e8cd139c81ec81ffd028d9e>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25973367&tvid=be8852013e8cd139c81ec81ffd028d9e>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25923449&tvid=be8852013e8cd139c81ec81ffd028d9e>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26053318&tvid=be8852013e8cd139c81ec81ffd028d9e>

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